

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL INDICATOR SET TECHNICAL HANDBOOK - RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

**Name and address of responding organisation:
Devon County Council**

Is this your organisation's official response to the consultation? Y/N

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National Indicator Number:

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Please complete a separate form for each indicator on which you wish to respond

Indicator Issue	
1. Is the Technical Definition of this indicator clear?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If NO a. What aspects of the technical definition of the indicator are unclear? Please specify clearly - is it in relation to the measurement method, or - on reporting b. Please suggest how the template can be clarified/improved.	
2. Does the Technical Definition for this indicator have any unintended consequences?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If YES a. What are the unintended consequences on this national indicator? b. Can the unintended consequence be avoided? If so, how?	
3. Will the Technical Definitions for this indicator work in practice?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If NO a. Why would this technical definition not work in practice?	

4. Is this indicator defined at the right spatial level?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
a) If not, what level should it be defined at? (including whether information is already gathered and/or reported at that level and if so where, if not, estimated cost of collecting and reporting it)	
5. Should data for this indicator be provided for any or all of the different equalities strands (please tick the relevant box)?	Ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/> Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Religion <input type="checkbox"/> Age <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual orientation <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (Please specify)
a) For any boxes ticked at 5, is this information already gathered and/or reported and, if so, where? If not, what would be the estimated additional burden of collecting and reporting it?	
6. Further comments on the questions above and /or any other comments that are not covered above questions.	
This PI is presumably designed to ensure that adoption plans are appropriate. This new PI will exclude Special Guardianship Orders, which were incorporated into the former adoption PI (PAF C23). Is this desirable (though if SGOs need to be included, PI definition will have to be re-thought)? PI will involve very small numbers only, meaning likely significant variation in outturns between years. A more robust outcome measure might be to look at children after they have been adopted - e.g. adoption breakdowns. How effective will this be as a measure if the numbers are low?	
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